

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) The project has not been shelved. It is proposed to recast the project to a capacity that is commensurate with the reserves in the mine block now allocated for the project.

[English]

Reserve of Minerals in Orissa

334. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has undertaken any survey on the total reserve of different mineral in Orissa;

(b) if so, the areas surveyed by GSI in the State during the last three years;

(c) the total deposits of different minerals revealed from the survey; and

(d) the steps taken for the proper exploitation of the minerals in the above State ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (c) Geological Survey of India (GSI) has conducted survey in the State of Orissa during the last three years. The details of the areas surveyed and the prospect identified are given in the attached Statement.

(d) Any exploration/exploitation agency is free to exploit the mineral reserves after getting prospecting licence/mining lease in accordance with the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act (1957) and rules made thereunder and in the light of the National Mineral Policy 1993.

Statement

Area	Ore Reserves/Resources	Average Grade
1	2	3

Orissa

i. Sukinda Chromite Ultramatic Complex Cuttack distt.	145.03 m.t.	30 to 43% Cr 203
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iii. Manganese

(a) A Bonai-KEONJHAR Belt in Sundargarh & Keonjhar distt.	Resources augmented by 2.0 m.t. The total reserves stand at 33.377 m.t.	25 to 46% Mn.
(b) Kutinga Nishikhal Kalahandi-Patna Areas in Raigarh, Kalahandi and Bolangir distt.		
(c) Talshodshi Block Koraput distt.		
(d) Ghoría Jhor Manomunda, Sundergarh distt.		
(e) Biarpalli Tabalbhanjhi-Khagsabhal North Dungripalli Block, Bolangir distt.	0.162 m.t.	20% Mn.

Platinum

(a) Nilgiri-Boula Nuasahi area	6 million tonnes (possible + probable reserves)	2 gm/tonne
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1	2	3
Gold		
Gorumahisani Belt	Poor mineralisation	—
Diamond		
Suktel Udanti Area Padampur distt.	Result are not encouraging	—
Dimension Stone		
Ganjam, Cuttack and Keonjhar distt.	1.1 million Cubic meters (upto a depth of 6 meters)	—
Coal		
Talchar-Chendipada (W) & Patrapara Blocks	2633 million tonnes	—
North of Akhrapal & Srirampur	1318 million tonnes	—
Bagaria-Aunli Kosala (East)	Exploration is in progress. Reserve not yet estimated.	—
Ib-River Tangardih East,	74 million tonnes	—
Budhajhoria	Exploration is in progress. Reserve not yet estimated.	—

[Translation]

Vacant Posts of T.T.A.

335. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of T.T.As lying vacant in various divisions in the department as on 30 June, 1997;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to fill the vacant posts;

(c) whether the Government propose to promote phone mechanics as T.T.A. on the basis of seniority;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) As in Annexure.

(b) Eligible candidates are being trained gradually to fill up the vacant posts.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) There is no provision in the existing Recruitment Rules.

Statement

Name of Circles	No. of posts lying vacant as on 30.06.97
1	2
Andman & Nickobar	21
Andhra Pradesh	87
Assam	99
Bihar	476
Calcutta Distt	152
Gujarat	865
Haryana	314
Himachal Pradesh	Nil
Jammu & Kashmir	41
Karnataka	1609
Kerala	66
Chennai	Nil